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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US-ITALY GENERAL CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES USG SHOULD, DURING FORTHCOMING US-ITALY GENERAL CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS, SEEK AGREEMENT WITH GOI TO REMOVE ALL-CARGO SERVICES FROM SCHEDULE FILING REQUIREMENTS, CURRENTLY APPLICABLE TO BOTH COMBINED AND ALL-CARGO SERVICES, IN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) OF MAY 21, 1970. CARGO TRAFFIC FOLLOWS DIFFERENT SEASONAL PATTERN FROM PASSENGER TRAFFIC; THERE IS LITTLE OR NO LOGIC IN TYING ALL-CARGO SCHEDULES TO SEASONAL VARIATIONS IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

2. EMBASSY THEREFORE SUGGESTS THAT WE SEEK AGREEMENT WITH GOI WHICH WOULD PERMIT PROPOSED CHANGES IN ALL-CARGO SERVICES TO BE FILED AT ANY TIME, BUT NOT LESS THAN 45 (ALTERNATIVELY, 60) DAYS IN ADVANCE AND SUBJECT TO SAME CONSULTATION PROCEDURES AS FOR COMBINED SERVICES. REMOVING LINK BETWEEN IATA SEASONS AND ALL-CARGO SCHEDULES WOULD FACILITATE ADJUSTMENTS (EITHER UP OR DOWN) IN CARGO CAPACITY AS DEMAND VARIES, THEREBY ENABLING ALL CARRIERS, INCLUDING ALITALIA, TO OPERATE ALL-CARGO SERVICES MORE EFFICIENTLY AND ECONOMICALLY. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE IS GENUINE NEED FOR 90 DAYS ADVANCE REQUIREMENT FOR (PRELIMINARY) ALL-CARGO SCHEDULES, ESPECIALLY SINCE SUPPLY/DEMAND FACTORS CHANGE MUCH MORE RAPIDLY FOR CARGO

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THAN FOR PASSENGER TRAFFIC. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED (FINAL)

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FOR ALL-CARGO SERVICES. VOLPE

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